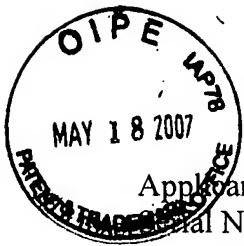


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

The applicant has received the Office Action dated February 26, 2007. The claims have been amended in the current format believed to be required by 37 CFR 1.121 and are attached hereto.